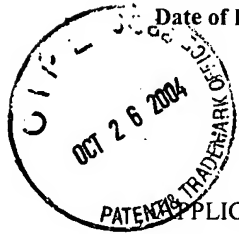


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TRANSMITTAL LETTER

Transmitted herewith for filing in the present application are the following documents:

1. Preliminary Amendment and Response to May 26, 2004 Restriction Requirement (7 pages);
2. Petition for Four-Month Extension of Time (1 page);
3. Check No. 19518 in the amount of \$765.00 for Petition fee; and
4. Return Postcard.

Applicant hereby claims small entity status. If the enclosed papers are considered incomplete, the Mail Room and/or the Application Branch is respectfully requested to contact the undersigned at (617) 542-6000, Boston, Massachusetts.

The Commissioner is hereby authorized to charge payment of any additional fees required in connection with the paper(s) transmitted herewith, or to credit any overpayment of same, to Deposit Account No. 50-0311, Reference No. 21402-214CIP (Cura 514CIP).

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